



June 13, 2012

Subject: Invitation to June 25-26 Auto Community Revitalization Roundtable in Anderson, IN

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Manufacturing Alliance of Communities (MAC), I write to invite you to participate in an "Auto Community Revitalization Roundtable" to promote revitalization and job creation in Indiana communities. **The meeting will be held on June 26 from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM at the Flagship Enterprise Center, 2705 Enterprise Drive, in Anderson, IN.** We attach an agenda and a list of invited organizations. There will be light refreshments for breakfast and a full lunch provided to participants. The day before, on June 25, there will be a bus tour of key brownfield sites that you are welcomed to join, followed by a dutch treat dinner in downtown Anderson. If you RSVP, we'll respond with a sheet with logistics info.

This Roundtable will be conducted in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Obama Administration's Office of Recovery for Auto Communities and Workers, together with top officials from the Funders' Network for Smart Growth & Livable Communities and the RACER Trust, which was established to clean up and redevelop closed General Motors sites. We are honored to have the participation of special guests including U.S. EPA's Assistant Administrator for Solid Waste and Emergency Response Mathy Stanislaus (heading brownfields and other cleanup programs); Jay Williams, the Director of the Obama Administration's Office of Recovery for Auto Communities and Workers and the newly-named Deputy Director of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs; and Elliot Laws and other senior officials from the RACER Trust. We also expect leaders from other federal, state, philanthropic foundation, and private sector organizations.

More than three years after the GM and Chrysler bankruptcies and other major changes in the auto sector, automotive communities are coming back. They continue to work toward economic revitalization and diversification, and to meet the challenges related to closed, contaminated, and under-utilized auto brownfields. That is why MAC has joined with the Office of Recovery for Auto Communities, the EPA Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, the RACER Trust, philanthropic organizations and other leaders to offer practical tools, share available resources, and explore solutions for auto communities. This Roundtable will be focused on communities in Indiana that are on the road to revitalization.

We desire your participation because you are a key stakeholder in these revitalization efforts. **Please RSVP or ask any questions about the Roundtable to Allison Lindvedt of EMS, Inc. at Allison.Lindvedt@emsus.com (or call 301-589-5318 x34) as soon as possible, and no later than June 19.** Thanks so much, we really look forward to seeing you in Anderson on June 26.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Hanka". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "William" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Hanka".

Bill Hanka
Executive Director, Manufacturing Alliance of Communities

cc: EPA Assistant Administrator Mathy Stanislaus, Auto Communities Director Jay Williams



AUTO COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION ROUNDTABLE

ANDERSON-CONNERSVILLE, IN – JUNE 25-26, 2012

Monday, June 25 – **Bus Tour of Anderson Brownfields** – Meet at Flagship Enterprise Center at 4pm

Tuesday, June 26 – **Roundtable Event:**

- 8:30 **REGISTRATION** (coffee/pastries served)
- 9:00 **Welcome & Opening Remarks** (20 minutes)
The Honorable Kevin Smith, Mayor of Anderson
The Honorable Leonard Urban, Mayor of Connersville
- 9:20 **Review of Summit Agenda & Objectives** (10 minutes)
Moderator: Matt Ward, Manufacturers Alliance of Communities (MAC)
- 9:30 **Interactive Work Session: Auto Community Challenges & Opportunities**
- 20-minute presentations each from City of Anderson & City of Connersville on their challenges, barriers, opportunities and needs for community and brownfield revitalization (40 minutes)
 - Interactive discussion to identify: (a) the top sources and types of support needed in these communities, and (b) three short-term, next-step actions that should be taken (20 minutes)
- 10:30 ***BREAK & INTERACTION***
- 10:45 **The Role of Federal Agencies in Helping Auto Communities** (Moderator: Jon Wisbey, MAC)
Participants include: Representatives from the U.S. EPA Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response; U.S. EPA Region 5; Office of Recovery for Auto Communities; Economic Development Administration; Department of Housing and Urban Development; Department of Labor; and others.
- 11:25 ***BREAK & INTERACTION***
- 11:35 **The Role of State Agencies in Helping Auto Communities** (Moderator: Jon Wisbey, MAC)
Participants include: Indiana Department of Environmental Management; Indiana Economic Development Fund; Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority.
- 12:15 **The Role of Philanthropy in Helping Auto Communities** – the Funders Network for Smart Growth & Livable Communities; local community foundations.
- 12:30 **Lunch & Keynote Remarks on Auto Brownfields Redevelopment**
TBD
- 1:45 **Remarks on Economic Revitalization**
Jay Williams, Director, Office of Recovery for Auto Communities, U.S. Department of Labor & White House Deputy Director for Intergovernmental Affairs
- 2:10 **Remarks on Building Sustainable Communities**
Mathy Stanislaus, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- 2:35 ***BREAK & INTERACTION***
- 2:50 **Panel Discussion: The RACER Trust & Revitalization Resources**
- Discussion of the role of The RACER Trust in auto brownfields revitalization
- 3:50 **Wrap-Up : Game plan and next Steps**

STAKEHOLDER ORGANIZATIONS INVITED TO JUNE 26

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NOTE: We welcome other suggestions on participants! Please forward this invite!

➤ **Anderson, Indiana**

- Mayor & City Council, Redevelopment Commission, Planning Commission
- Madison County Commissioners
- Madison County Corporation for Economic Development
- Madison County Council of Governments
- Community Hospital of Anderson
- Anderson University

➤ **Connersville, IN**

- Mayor & City Council
- Connersville Chamber of Commerce
- Fayette County School representatives

➤ **Other Local Government Entities**

- Local government officials of the City of Alexandria, IN
- Local government officials of the City of Carmel, IN
- Local government officials of Delaware County, IN
- Local government officials of the City Elwood, IN
- Local government officials of the City of Fort Wayne, IN
- Local government officials of the City of Indianapolis, IN
- Local government officials of the City of Kokomo, IN
- Local government officials of the City of Lafayette, IN
- Local government officials of the City of Marion, IN
- Local government officials of the City of Muncie, IN
- Local government officials of the City of Noblesville, IN
- Local government officials of the Town of Pendleton, IN

➤ **Private Sector**

- Allison Transmission
- AM General
- Carbon Motors Corp.
- Chrysler Power Train
- Chrysler, Indiana Transmission Plant
- Cummins, Inc.
- Delphi
- GE Energy Services Company
- General Motors, Bedford IN
- Global Human Resources of Stant
- Lazarus Group LLC
- Remy, Inc.
- SESCO Group
- Subaru of Indiana Automotive, Inc.

➤ **Organizations:**

- Flagship Enterprise Center of Anderson, IN
- Madison County (IN) Community Foundation
- Purdue University
- Purdue University, Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program
- Purdue Automotive Performance Association
- Indiana State University
- Indiana University, Kokomo
- University of Indianapolis
- Ivy Tech Community College
- Marian University
- Indiana Motorsports Association
- Eastern Indiana Development District
- Economic Development Corporation of Southwest Indiana
- Energize-ECI Regional Planning District
- Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission
- Kankakee-Iroquois Regional Planning Commission
- Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council
- Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission
- Region III-A Economic Development District & Regional Planning Commission
- River Hills Economic Development District & Regional Planning Commission
- Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission
- Southern Indiana Development Commission
- West Central Indiana Economic Development District
- Indiana Automotive Council
- Michiana Area Council of Governments
- Center for Automotive Research
- Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities
- RACER Trust
- Mayors Auto Coalition

➤ **State:**

- Indiana Department of Environmental Management
- Indiana Economic Development Fund
- Indiana Housing and Community Development Office
- Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs
- State Senators & Representatives from Indiana auto communities

➤ **Federal:**

- White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
- U.S. Office of Recovery for Auto Communities & Workers
- Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Solid Waste & Emergency Response
- Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5
- Department of Housing & Urban Development
- Economic Development Administration, Chicago Region
- U.S. Department of Transportation
- DOE EERE/NREL
- Office of Senator Richard Lugar
- Office of Senator Dan Coats
- Office of Representative Mike Pence (6th IN)